



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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Christopher F. Gallmeyer, et al. ) Art Unit: 3753  
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Application No.: 10/774,856 ) Examiner: Eric S. Keasel  
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Filed: February 9, 2004 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
SEAT DETECTION AND SOFT )  
SEATING IN A PIEZOELECTRIC )  
DEVICE ACTUATED VALVESYSTEM )  
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Attorney Docket No.: 99-647.1 )  
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Peoria, Illinois 61629-6490

October 24, 2006

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 5, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to November 5, 2006 by a request for a one month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please withdraw the rejections of the claims of the above referenced application in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.